

QUINTESSA

2019

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage began with well-timed rains, providing a graceful start to the season. More than 35 inches through the winter months and into early spring established healthy soils and lush cover crops leading to even shoot growth and a strong early-season canopy for the vines. Spring temperatures remained cool through May. The cooler weather slowed the emergence of bloom on the vine by 13 days compared to the estate's five-year average. This slight delay allowed for an ideal fruit-set, and ultimately healthy yields for Quintessa. Temperatures warmed slightly in summer, encouraging an even arc of ripening while maintaining vibrant acidity. The season gave us a well-paced and steady harvest period. We began to bring in fruit on September 19th and finished October 22nd.

“This is a winemaker’s master class in blending and understanding of a long-standing site. Dried herb, cedar and pencil shavings accent lifted red fruit and brilliant acidity on the palate, with a supple yet still youthfully grippy texture that is framed by structured, graceful tannins.”

100 Points — *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2022

WINE

The 2019 Quintessa offers nuance, depth, and great persistence. A complex of flower, forest, fruit, and earth notes harmonize with fine-grained tannin and vibrant acidity. It is a wine of precision as well as transparency. The 2019 Quintessa will drink well now for those who prefer a youthful expression but will also last in cellar for at least another twenty years for those who enjoy the complexities of age.

APPELLATION:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
HARVEST:	September 18 – October 25
MACERATION:	26 days average skin contact
OAK:	60% New French Oak
TIME IN BARREL:	22 months
BOTTLING DATE:	July 6 – 14, 2021
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
VARIETIES:	91% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Cabernet Franc 2% Merlot 2% Carménère 1% Petit Verdot
VINEYARD BLOCKS: (in descending order)	Dragon's Terrace, Monte Cruz, Corona, Bench, Las Casas, Silver Norte, Mt. Calisse, Cruz del Sur, Limelight, Howards Million, Pedraza, Alcantara, Tesoro, Canyon, Corral



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